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SETTING UP OF PENSION FUND REGULATORY AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA);

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith composition and powers enjoyed by the regulatory body;

(c) the time by which the same would start functioning;

(d) whether the Government has maped the profile of the Indian Household and their investment appetite; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) to (c): The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Ordinance, 2004, promulgated on 29th December, 2004, enables the Government to set up a statutory regulator for the pension sector called the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA). The Authority would have the power to register and regulate pension funds, the central recordkeeping agency and other intermediaries, to impose stringent penalties for any violation of the law and to protect the interests of subscribers. The Authority would be established from the date of notification by Central Government. The Authority comprises a Chairperson and five members, with at least three whole-time members.

(c) and (e): As part of a technical assistance agreement, a national survey has been conducted to, inter-alia, study the income, expenditure and savings behaviour of the Indian labour force. The report on the survey has yet not been submitted to the Government.